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(CNAD), 23-25 OCT 73

SECDEF FOR ODDR&E (CAPT F. CARRIER), OASD (I&L) (MR D. CUFFE),
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REFS: A. NATO DOCUMENT AC/259-A/12, 16 AUG 73

B. USNATO 5135

C. USNATO 5189

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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE TWELFTH CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS
DIRECTORS (CNAD) WAS CONDUCTED AT NATO HQS, BRUSSELS, OCTOBER
23-25. PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE CNAD WAS ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF
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CONCERN TO THE ALLIANCE IN THE GENERAL FIELD OF COOPERATION IN
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION. NATIONAL ARMAMENTS
DIRECTORS (NADS) AND MAIN ARMAMENTS GROUP CHAIRMAN REPORTED ON
SEVEN SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONCERN. THE USNAD ADDRESSED AIRBORNE

ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES (ECM) AND PROVIDED THE NCAD WITH SPECIFIC AREAS FOR IMMEDIATE COOPERATION TO OVERCOME URGENT EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES IN NATO STRIKE AND INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT. SHAPE PROVIDED TWO BRIEFINGS (SACEUR AND SACLANT) ON PRIORITY AREAS OF CONCERN TO THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND REITERATED THE REQUEST OF BOTH SACEUR AND SACLANT FOR PROMPT CNAD REVIEW OF THESE AREAS. THE CNAD TOOK NOTE AND PROMISED APPROPRIATE ACTION TO INCLUDE A MAJOR ATTEMPT AT COHERENT IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITIES FOR CNAD EFFORTS. FOLLOWING A UK REVIEW OF AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING (AEW) AND AN FRG PROPOSITION FOR A SHAPE STUDY ON THE SUBJECT, THE US PROPOSED THE USAF AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM (AWACS) AS A NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. CNAD NOTED NIAG REPORTS AND APPROVED A BF 20 MILLION CASH BUDGET FOR 1974. FUTURE CNAD SCHEDULING AND AREAS FOR PRIORITY ATTENTION REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

1. THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES ITEMS DISCUSSED PER THE AGENDA; INCLUDES SPECIFIC MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE DISCUSSED DURING THE CONFERENCE; SUGGESTED POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DECEMBER MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES; AND CONCLUDES WITH A BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF THE TWELFTH CNAD BY USNATO.

A. ITEM I - BRIEFING BY SHAPE REPRESENTATIVES.

REFS: AC/259-D/334 (INCLUDING MCM-35-73) AND MCM-30-71.

ADM KLAVER FOR SACLANT AND BGEN MILLER FOR SACEUR GAVE EXCELLENT BRIEFINGS ON URGENT REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED BY THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS. BOTH BRIEFINGS EMPHASIED THAT BY SACEUR/SACLANT STANDARDS CNAD COULD DO MORE IN HIGH PRIORITY AREAS. SACEUR IDENTIFIED TASKS UNDER FIVE MISSION-ORIENTED CATEGORIES AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) DETECTION
- (2) DELAY
- (3) DECISIVE BATTLE
- (4) COUNTER-AIR
- (5) REINFORCEMENT

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THE SACEUR BRIEFING ADDRESSED 29 PRIORITY AREAS, OR 12 MORE THAN THOSE IDENTIFIED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN AC/259-D/334. THESE AREAS REFLECTED THOSE IDENTIFIED IN MCM-30-71 AND EXPANDED SIGNIFICANTLY THE AREAS OF CONCERN TO THE ALLIANCE WHICH WERE PLANNED FOR DISCUSSION AT THIS CNAD. THE CNAD TOOK NOTE AND ASKED THE CHAIRMAN TO EXPLORE WAYS TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR A CLEARER VIEW OF OVERALL PHILOSOPHIES, REALISTIC ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE FISCAL RESOURCES, AND COHERENT IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITIES FOR CNAD EFFORTS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE GREATER ALLIANCE COOPERATION. CHAIRMAN WILL REPORT AT THE NEXT CNAD MEETING.

ITEM IIA - REDIRECTION OF CNAD EFFORTS - REVIEW OF SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONCERN. THIS ITEM, ALTHOUGH DISCUSSED LATER,

IS KEYED DIRECTLY TO THE PRECEDING DISCUSSION SURROUNDING THE AREAS OF CONCERN IDENTIFIED BY SACEUR/SACLANT. SEVERAL NADS AND MAIN GROUP CHAIRMEN COMMENTED UPON A MATRIX PRESENTATION WHICH PRESENTED GRAPHICALLY THE IDENTIFIED AREAS OF CONCERN AND COMPARED THEM TO WORKING ELEMENTS OF THE CNAD SUBSTRUCTURE. THERE IS NOT FULL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN IDENTIFIED PROBLEM AREAS AND WORKING GROUP EFFORTS. DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND THE VARIOUS REASONS FOR THESE DIFFERENCES. IT WAS AGREED THAT FOR NATO TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE PROJECT, AT LEAST TWO COUNTRIES MUST AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD THAT END. CNAD NOTED THAT NOT ALL AREAS OF CONCERN IDENTIFIED BY NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE THOSE IN WHICH CNAD REALISTICALLY CAN ACHIEVE COOPERATION. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISH THE NEED FOR COOPERATION BEFORE INDIVIDUAL NATIONS HAVE ALREADY STARTED COMPETING PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY HAVE LARGE INVESTMENTS, BOTH IN TERMS OF FINANCE AND PRESTIGE.

B. ITEM IIA(I) - ANTI-ARMOR. REFS: AC/259-WP/10, AC/259-D/329,

AC/259-D/349, AND AC/243-D/291. FRANCE REPORTED MINOR CHANGES TO ITS EARLIER POSITION ON CURRENT GENERATION ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS. THE NATO ARMY ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAAG) REPORTED ITS SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS OF THE FRENCH CONCLUSIONS. THE UK EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE OF MAKING COST-EFFECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING SYSTEMS SUCH AS MILAN. NAAG SHOULD TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE ANALYTIC ANTI-TANK STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEFENSE RESEARCH GROUP (DRG) AND THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER (STC). COMMENT: ALTHOUGH A VERY TIMELY TOPIC IN VIEW OF NATO DEFIC-
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IENCIES AND THE HIGH TANK LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES OBSERVED IN THE RECENT MID-EAST CONFLICT, THE TWELFTH CNAD CONTRIBUTION TO SOLUTION OF NEAR-TERM PROBLEMS WAS MINIMAL AND AS SUCH PROBABLY DOES NOT WARRANT A REPORT TO MINISTERS THIS YEAR.

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C. ITEM IIA(II) - SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES.

REFS: AC/259-WP/11 AND AC/259-D/355. THE FRG REPORTED GERMAN VIEWS ON THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE ALLIANCE IN LAND-BASED MISSILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS. THE FRG EXPECTS TO MAKE A FINAL REPORT TO THE CNAD AT THE SPRING 74 MEETING. THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON AIR DEFENSE (TSGAD) PLANS TO ESTABLISH A NEW WORKING GROUP (WG/IV) FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THIS NEW GROUP, WITH APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF EXPERTISE, WILL DRAFT SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ESTABLISH TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A NEW SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) SYSTEM FOR THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT. WORKING GROUPS III AND IV WILL COOPERATE IN ESTABLISHING FIRM PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATION OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED MEDIUM SAM SYSTEMS. THE US STATED CURRENT PLANS FOR PROCEEDING WITH SELECTION AND PROPOSED ULTIMATE PROCUREMENT OF ONE OF THREE EUROPEAN ALL-WEATHER, SHORT-RANGE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS. PROCUREMENT WOULD BE FROM US LICENSEES OF THE CROTALE, RAPIER OR ROLAND SYSTEMS.

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D. ITEM IIA(III) - ANTI-SHIP MISSILES. REFS: AC/259-WP/9 AND AC/259-D/333. BOTH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATO NAVAL ARMAMENTS GROUP (NNAG) MADE SHORT STATEMENTS. NATO NOW HAS AN ABUNDANCE OF MISSILES WITH VARYING DEGREES OF PERFORMANCE IN THE ANTI-SHIP ROLE. LITTLE CAN BE DONE TO CORRECT THE EXISTING PROBLEMS OF DUPLICATION, BUT THE CNAD INSTRUCTED THE NNAG TO TRY TO HARMONIZE CONCEPTS FOR SECOND GENERATION SYSTEMS WITH A VIEW TOWARD IMPROVED COLLABORATION IN DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT.

E. ITEM IIA(IV) - AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES. REFS: AC/259-WP/12 AND AC/259-D/338. THE CHAIRMAN, NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAFAG), REPORTED THE CONCLUSIONS OF A NAFAG AD HOC GROUP WHICH REVIEWED IN DEPTH THE US PRESENTATION MADE AT THE MARCH 73 CNAD. A BASIC PROBLEM WHICH PLAGUES THE ALLIANCE IN THE FIELD OF COOPERATIVE R&D IS EVIDENT IN THIS AREA. COUNTRIES WITH ON-GOING MISSILE PROGRAMS (SUCH AS FRG AND NORWAY WITH THE VIPER PROGRAM) ARE UNWILLING TO TERMINATE PROGRAMS ALTHOUGH THEY MAY BE TECHNOLOGICALLY INFERIOR TO OTHER KNOWN SYSTEMS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS TEND TO PREVAIL.

F. ITEM IIA(V) - A NEW RIFLE. REF: AC/259-WP/13. THE FRG MADE A PRESENTATION ON THE SUBJECT OF A NEW RIFLE FOR NATO. FRG CONSULTED WITH THE UK AND BELGIUM IN PREPARING THE REPORT. FRANCE AND THE US MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESENTATION. THE STUDY PROPOSED THAT BY 1 JUNE 1976 CANDIDATE SYSTEMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATO TEST CENTERS FOR EVALUATION. LIKELY CANDIDATES ARE ASSUMED TO BE BELGIUM WITH A 3.5MM RIFLE, BRITAIN WITH A 4.85MM, AND FRG WITH A 4.3MM. ALL WEAPONS WILL BE FIRED AGAINST BOTH 7.62MM (NATO CALIBRE) AND A RIFLE OF 5.56MM.

G. ITEM IIA(VI) - AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING (AEW). THE UKNAD PROVIDED A SHORT INTERIM REPORT. NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAFAG) SUBGROUP 12 (SG/12) IS THE PRIMARY WORKING BODY STUDYING THE PROBLEMS OF AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING. THE FRG PROPOSED THAT THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER (STC) BE TASKED TO STUDY THE USAF AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM (AWACS) IN THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT. THE USNAD (DR. CURRIE) OFFERED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO BOTH NAFAG SG/12 AND STC THE RESULTS OF AIR FORCE STUDIES WHICH INVESTIGATED THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, COST EFFECTIVENESS AND SURVIVABILITY OF THE AWACS IN A CONVENTIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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NATO-WARSAW PACT WAR. IN ADDITION, THE US IS PREPARED TO ASSIST STC IN THIS PROJECT BY SENDING EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL ALONG WITH THE STUDIES TO EXPLAIN THE ANALYTICAL MODEL, THREAT, SCENARIOS, AND OTHER ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE STUDY. FRANCE PROPOSED AND THE US SUPPORTED FORMULATION OF A SPECIAL TASK (OR STEERING) GROUP TO MAKE AN INTENSIVE STUDY OF THE AWACS UNDER THE AEGIS OF SG/12. THE US ALSO PROPOSED AWACS AS A NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. COMMENT: TO ESTABLISH AWACS AS A NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING WITH IMPLICATIONS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS REPORT ON THE CNAD. SUBJECT WILL BE REVIEWED BY USNATO AND ADDRESSED SEPARATELY

H. ITEM IIA(VII) - CLOSE-RANGE WEAPON SYSTEMS FOR THE DEFENSE OF SHIPS. THE CANADIAN NAD MADE A SHORT STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO OVERLAP OF SPECIAL NAD REPORTS WITH STUDIES UNDERWAY WITHIN THE MAIN ARMAMENTS GROUPS. CANADA SUGGESTED THAT CNAD AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF STUDY EFFORTS OF NATO NAVAL ARMAMENTS GROUP (NNAG) PROJECT GROUP NO. 9 WHICH IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN STUDIES OF THE US PHALANX AND NETHERLANDS AJAX VERY SHORT-RANGE SHIP DEFENSE SYSTEMS AMONG OTHERS.

I. ITEM IIA(VIII) - ANTI-ARTILLERY. REFS: AC/259-WP/14. THE DANISH NAD GAVE A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING WHICH ADDRESSED THE ARTILLERY THREAT CONFRONTING THE ALLIANCE AND PRESENTED AN ANALYTICAL STUDY WITH DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES FOR COUNTERING THAT THREAT. THE STUDY RECOMMENDED, WITH REFERENCE TO DETECTION AND LOCATION CAPABILITY, THAT NATO SHOULD ESTABLISH FIRST PRIORITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

(1) CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF ONE ARTILLERY AND ROCKET LOCATING

RADAR SYSTEM WITH A REQUIRED RANGE CAPABILITY OF 50KM,
80KM BEING DESIRABLE.

(2) CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF ONE DRONE/SATELLITE SYSTEM WITH A
RADIUS OF ACTION OF 150KM.

(3) SUPPLEMENT THESE SYSTEMS WITH A LONG-RANGE
SURVEILLANCE RADAR SYSTEM. THE STUDY RECOMMENDED THAT CNAD SHOULD
TRY TO ESTABLISH COMMON NATO PROJECTS FOR THESE DEVELOPMENTS
TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

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J. ITEM IIA(IX) - AIRBORNE ECM. THE USNAD (DR. CURRIE)
PRESENTED AN EXCELLENT BRIEFING ON AIRBORNE ECM WHICH INCLUDED
THE US EXPERIENCE IN THE VIETNAM AIR WAR, REFERENCE TO THE
CONSIDERABLE RECENT LOSSES OF ISRAELI AIRCRAFT TO SOVIET
MISSILES, CURRENT ECM DEFICIENCIES IN NATO INTERCEPTOR AND STRIKE
AIRCRAFT, AND SPECIFIC AREAS FOR IMMEDIATE NATO COOPERATION.
THE CNAD INSTRUCTED THE NAFAG TO INSURE THAT SUBGROUP 11 TAKES THE US
PRESENTATION INTO ACCOUNT AND REPORTS ON PROGRESS. THE CNAD
ALSO INVITED THE EUROPEAN NADS TO INSURE THAT REQUIRED FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR NATO MILITARY ECM TRAINING PROGRAMS IS PROVIDED.
COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF THE HIGH AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN THE RECENT
MID-EAST CONFLICT, THIS BRIEFING WAS VERY TIMELY. OF ALL SUBJECTS
DISCUSSED, IT PROBABLY IS THE BEST TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF
MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1973.

K. ITEM IIB - PRIORITY ITEMS OF COOPERATION PROPOSED BY THE MAIN ARMAMENTS GROUPS. THE CHAIRMAN OF NAFAG COMMENTED UPON THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS PROJECTS FOR ATTACK OF AIRFIELDS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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AIRCRAFT SHELTERS. THE CNAD INVITED THE US, UK, FRANCE AND FRG TO CONSULT WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING SUCH PROLIFERATION AND REPORT TO THE NEXT CNAD. THE OTHER MAIN GROUP REPORTS CONTAINED NO NEW ITEMS.

1. ITEM IIC - FUTURE DIRECTION OF EFFORTS. THE NETHERLANDS NAD WILL REPORT ON NIGHT VISION AT THE NEXT MEETING. IN GENERAL THE CNAD WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS PRIORITY AREAS OF CONCERN.

M. ITEM III - PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIVE MAIN GROUPS. THE SUBJECT OF STREAMLINING PANEL ACTIVITIES ALREADY HAS BEEN PURSUED IN DEPTH, AND THE CNAD WAS CONTENT TO LEAVE THE MATTER TO MAIN GROUP CHAIRMEN. THERE WERE NO MAIN GROUP MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE WHICH MERITED GUIDANCE FROM THIS CNAD.

N. ITEM IV(A) - NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP (NIAG): EXAMINATION OF NIAG'S REPORT ON ITS OBJECTIVES. REFS: AC/259-D/330, AC/259-D/307, AC/259-D/313(REV), AND AC/259-D/289. DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND THE NIAG GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVED EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION AND NADREP REVIEW AND COMMENTS UPON NIAG OBJECTIVES (OBSTACLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS). THE NADREPS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL LISTED REFERENCES BE CONSIDERED IN ANY PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE NIAG GUIDELINES. OBSTACLES NOTED BY NIAG IN GENERAL ARE LINKED TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, PECULIAR PROCUREMENT PRACTICES, AND NUMEROUS OTHER ISSUES WHICH DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO SIMPLE OR COMMON RESOLUTION. ALTHOUGH THE NIAG CHAIRMAN APPEARED UNHAPPY THAT THE NADREPS WERE UNABLE TO DO MORE WITH THE NIAG PAPER, THE CNAD LAID THE SUBJECT TO REST. THE CNAD INSTRUCTED THE NADREPS TO EXPLORE, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, ALTERNATIVES FUNDING SOURCES FOR NIAG ACTIVITIES.

O. ITEM IV(B) - NIAC TASK ON AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. NIAG REPORTED THAT IT HAD ESTABLISHED A STEERING COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AN INITIAL APPROACH TO THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON AIR DEFENSE STUDY.

A PRELIMINARY REVIEW BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE TRI-SERVICE REPORT INDICATES THAT APPROXIMATELY A DOZEN PROGRAMS OF DIFFERING TECHNICAL AND FISCAL CATEGORIES OF HARDWARE, COULD BE UNDERTAKEN IF THE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE NATO NATIONS SO DECIDED. THESE PROGRAMS ARE NOT COMPLETELY DEFINED IN TERMS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OR NATIONAL PRIORITIES. ALTHOUGHT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO DEFINE

OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SUGGESTIONS FROM INDUSTRIALISTS COULD CONCEIVABLY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN HARMONIZING DIFFERING NATIONAL EMPHASIS, IDENTIFYING MORE FEASIBLE TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES, AND IN PARTICULAR TO OFFER MATRICES OF COST TRADE-OFFS.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE HAS AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TASK, BUT THE PAYOFF IN THIS LARGE COMPLEX AREA CAN BE VERY HIGH. THE CNAD URGED COLLABORATION BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENTS AT THE EARLIEST PHASES OF PROCUREMENT PLANNING.

P. ITEM IV(C) - FINAL REPORT BY NIAC SUBGROUP 1 ON AN ADVANCED APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM FOR THE POST-1975 PERIOD. SUBGROUP 1 WILL TRANSMIT ITS FINAL REPORT TO THE NAFAG IN NOV 73 AND NIAG/SG.1 WILL BE DISBANDED AT THE END OF 1973. THE CNAD INVITED THE NAFAG (SG/7) TO CONTINUE WORK, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT OF NIAG/SG.1, WHICH WILL LEAD TOWARD EVALUATION IN 1975 OF THE EUROPEAN GROUND-DERIVED SYSTEM TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR COMPARISON WITH RESULTS FROM EVALUATION OF THE US AIR-DERIVED SYSTEM PLANNED FOR MID-1974.

Q. ITEM IV(D) - FINAL REPORT BY NIAG SUBGROUP 3 ON THE PROVISION OF SMALL, CHEAP, EXPENDABLE TARGETS. SG.3 CONCLUDED, AS ANTICIPATED BY MANY IN THE ARMAMENTS BUSINESS, THAT INITIAL COST GOALS WERE NOT REALIZABLE. THE NIAG CHAIRMAN QUESTIONED THE WORTH OF SUCH A TASK ASSIGNMENT FOR NIAG. SG.3 WILL REMAIN DORMANT PENDING FURTHER REQUIREMENTS DEFINITIONS BY NNAG IEG-1.

R. ITEM IV(E) - PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NIAG SUBGROUP 6 ON COMPATABILITY OF NAVAL DATA HANDLING EQUIPMENT. THE CNAD APPROVED THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION FOR PHASE I OF A COMPATIBILITY STUDY WITH A TOTAL COST ESTIMATE OF BF 4.6 MILLION.

S. ITEM IV(F) - NIAG 1974 BUDGET. THE CNAD APPROVED A BUDGETARY CASH CEILING OF BF 20 MILLION AND AGREED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE, COULD CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR APPROVED TASKS TO AVOID DELAYS.

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T. ITEM V - EXPLORATORY CONFERENCE ON PRODUCTION LOGISTICS. REFS: AC/259-R/11, ITEM IV(3), AND AC/259-D/331. THE CNAD, ENDORSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF D/331, INSTRUCTED THE NADREPS TO FOLLOW UP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OUTSTANDING TASKS AND REPORTS AND NOTED THE STATEMENT ON STANDARDIZATION BY THE ACOS LOGISTICS SHAPE.

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U. ITEM VI - ANY OTHER BUSINESS. THE CNAD NOTED THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD SUBMITTED TO THE CNAD A STUDY ON FLEET CARGO SUBMARINES WHICH IS NOW UNDER STUDY BY THE NNAG.

V. ITEM VII - DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS. THE CNAD CONFIRMED THAT ITS NEXT MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 6-8 MARCH OR 13-15 MARCH 1974, AND INSTRUCTED THE NADREPS TO ARRANGE THE EXACT DATES. THE CNAD INVITED THE CHAIRMAN TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING ONE SESSION AT SHAPE. THE AUTUMN 1974 MEETING SHOULD BE IN BRUSSELS IN LATE OCTOBER. USNATO COMMENT: A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE SCHEDULING OF CNAD AND MAIN ARMAMENTS GROUP MEETINGS HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) (AT US URGING) FOR THIS CNAD. THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR RESULTED IN ELIMINATION OF THIS SUBJECT AS A DISCUSSION ITEM. THE USNADREP (COL LYNCH) PROPOSES TO PURSUE THE SUBJECT OF SCHEDULING BOTH WITH THE ASST SEC GENERAL FOR DEFENCE SUPPORT (DR TUCKER) AND THE NADREPS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF GETTING AT LEAST ONE FULL DAY OF EACH 1974 CNAD AT SHAPE. CONFIDENTIAL

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FURTHER, TO BETTER BALANCE THE SCHEDULE, USNADREP WILL ATTEMPT, WITH THE IS, TO ACCOMPLISH REALIGNMENT OF SCHEDULES OF CNAD AND MAIN ARMAMENTS GROUPS DURING 1974. THIS COULD RESULT IN A SHIFT OF THE SPRING CNAD FROM MARCH UNTIL APRIL OR MAY 1974. END COMMENT.

2. IN TWO PREVIOUS MESSAGES (REFS B AND C), USNATO HAS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE PRESENT AGENDA FOR THE DEC 7 DEFENSE

PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION. THE AGENDA DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ITEM ON THE CNAD. IN PLANNING THE AGENDA, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) QUESTIONED THE VALUE OF THE CNAD ITEM SINCE MINISTERS IN PRECEDING MEETINGS HAD LITTLE OR NOTHING TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT. USNATO HAS NOTIFIED THE DRC THAT WE MAY LATER WISH TO ADD CNAD TO THE AGENDA, DEPENDING UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM US AUTHORITIES.

OF AREAS ADDRESSED AT THE CNAD, THREE APPEAR TO DESERVE CONSIDERATION AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR A US SECDEF STATEMENT: ANTI-ARMOR, AWACS, AND AIRBORNE ECM. THESE ARE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY:

A. ANTI-ARMOR WILL BE ADDRESSED ON THE AGENDA UNDER BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENCE PLANNING, AND DISCUSSION UNDER CNAD PROBABLY WOULD BE REDUNDANT.

B. AWACS, ALTHOUGH PUSHED STRONGLY BY THE USNAD, IS NOT YET READY FOR MINISTERIAL ENDORSEMENT. MORE PLANNING AND STUDY BY THE STC IS REQUIRED.

C. AIRBORNE ECM, HOWEVER, IS A VITAL SUBJECT TO BE CONSIDERED IN IMPROVEMENT OF NATO TACTICAL AIRCRAFT CAPABILITIES AGAINST WARSAW PACT ARMOR. ALTHOUGH IMPROVED ANTI-TANK AIR MUNITIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE ASSESSMENT OF ANTI-ARMOR IMPROVEMENT MEASURES FOR NATO, ECM HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN DEPTH WITH NATO (IN THIS CONTEXT) PRIOR TO THE CNAD. YET THE ALLIANCE HAS 2800 NATO STRIKE OR INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT WITH NO ELECTRONIC WARFARE CAPABILITY NOW.

USNATO SUGGESTS THAT THIS TOPIC ALONE MERITS THE ATTENTION OF MINISTERS AS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE OCT CNAD WITH REINFORCEMENT FROM RESULTS OF THE RECENT AIR WAR IN THE MID-EAST.

AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR FOR CONSIDERATION IS THAT THE PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL

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USNAD (DR. FOSTER) PUSHED CONSISTENTLY FOR MORE EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE CNAD AND MINISTERS. IT WOULD APPEAR PERHAPS INAPPROPRIATE AND UNTIMELY TO LET THAT DIALOGUE WITHER AWAY IN DECEMBER.

WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY WASHINGTON COMMENT TO PERMIT US TO RAISE ALLIED SUPPORT FOR THIS APPROACH, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

3. USNATO SUMMARY ASSESSMENT OF THE TWELFTH CNAD. THE AGENDA WAS TOO LONG, WITNESSED BY THE LENGTH OF THIS MESSAGE. THE NEW CHAIRMAN (DR TUCKER) DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF DIRECTING THE OFTEN TEDIOUS DISCUSSIONS OF THE CNAD. MUCH WORK IS REQUIRED BY THE NADREPS AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO SORT OUT THE PRIORITY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN SPRING 1974. THE CNAD HAS A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE TO GO TO STRIKE THE PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN HIGH PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND AREAS IN WHICH, REALISTICALLY, THE CNAD CAN ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION.

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